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House File 212

February 6, 1947.  
County and Township Affairs.

By KOCH.

## A BILL FOR

An Act authorizing township trustees to condemn lands  
for a community center or juvenile playgrounds.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 Section 1. Amend section three hundred fifty-nine  
2 point twenty-eight (359.28), Code, 1946, by inserting  
3 after the word "fund," in line four (4) the following:  
4 "or the specific fund voted for such purpose", and  
5 further amend said section by inserting after the word  
6 "cemeteries," in line six (6) the following: "a  
7 community center or juvenile playgrounds,".

1 Sec. 2. This act being deemed of immediate  
2 importance shall be in full force and effect from and  
3 after its publication in the Emmetsburg Democrat, a  
4 newspaper published at Emmetsburg, Iowa, and in The  
5 Ayrshire Chronicle, a newspaper published at Ayrshire, Iowa.

### EXPLANATION OF H. F. 212

In Palo Alto county, and it could happen in any county of the state, considerable consolidation of schools was done during the past year. The rural schoolhouses were sold, and the land, unless otherwise specified, reverted back to the respective farms. Now the voters in some townships find they have no place to vote. The law specifies that the township trustees are empowered to condemn or purchase and pay for out of the general fund any lands within the territorial limits of such township for the use of cemeteries, but it does not say that a piece of land can be condemned on which to erect a building.

This act will give the township board of trustees the power to condemn such land for the erection of a community building which may be used for a voting precinct, community center and juvenile playground.